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SUBJECT: MR. BRUCE CALLS ON NEW MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE.

1. ON DECEMBER 7 MR. BRUCE PAID COURTESY CALL ON LI CH'ANG, WHO RECENTLY ASSUMED THE POSITION OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. MEETING WAS VERY CORDIAL BUT LI WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT VERY FAR ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

2. LI SAID IT IS IMPORTANT FOR CHINA TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO THE US, AND AGREED THAT THE CHINESE NEED TO DEVELOP A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE US MARKET AND TO DO SOMETHING ON SUCH MATTERS AS DESIGN AND PACKAGING TO MAKE THEIR PRODUCTS MORE ACCEPTABLE. HE ALSO POINTED TO LACK OF MFN AS AN OBSTACLE TO INCREASED PRC EXPORTS TO THE US. LI REITERATED THE THEME THAT CHINA'S RICE EXPORTS PAY FOR ITS WHEAT PURCHASES, AND AS IF TO DISPEL ANY DOUBTS, SAID THAT RICE EXPORTS INCREASED THIS YEAR AT A TIME OF UNUSUALLY HIGH PRICES. HE GAVE NO FIGURES, HOWEVER. IN MENTIONING CHINA'S PURCHASES OF WHOLE PLANTS, LI SAID IT IS BETTER TO MANUFACTURE FERTILIZER THAN TO BUY IT

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FROM ABROAD, THUS MAKING IT CLEAR THAT IMPORT SUBSTITUTION IS AN

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION (SEE PEKING 1511).

3. IN OTHER DISCUSSION, LI SAID HE COMES FROM SOOCHOW OR,
MORE SPECIFICALLY, FROM ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF SOOCHOW.
("I'M FROM SHA CHIA PANG," LI LAUGHED, REFERRING TO THE TITLE
OF ONE OF CHINA'S CONTEMPORARY OPERAS.) HE SAID HE ATTENDED SOOCHOW
UNIVERSITY (TUNG WU TA HSUEH) AND THAT HE RECENTLY RETURNED TO
VISIT SOOCHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 46 YEARS.
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